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**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** This is Caitlin Hendrickson with the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, speaking on the record with...

**MS. LOIS DUKE:** Lois Duke.

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Can you spell your last name, please?

**MS. LOIS DUKE:** D-U-K-E.

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** And...

**MR. GEORGE CALLIOU:** George Calliou.

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Can you spell your last name, please.

**MR. GEORGE CALLIOU:** C-A-L-L-I-O-U.

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Thank you. And here we have another -- we also have health support.

**MR. LESLIE METCHOOYAH:** Leslie Metchooyah.

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Can you spell your -- your last name, please.

**MR. LESLIE METCHOOYAH:** M-E-T-C-H-O-O-Y-A-H.

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Thank you. So here we are speaking with Lois and George today about Florence Kelliou (ph).
MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Calliou.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Kelliou.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Calliou.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Calliou.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Calliou.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Calliou, thank you.

MS. LOIS DUKE: Calliou, yeah.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Not Kelliou, “K”, it's a “C”, not a “K”.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Okay. And we're here in Edmonton, at the Edmonton Inn, to collect your truth today. You're here to voluntarily give your statement, and your statement will be audio recorded today. And you've also allowed us to videotape your statement. Can you, please confirm that you agree with that?

MS. LOIS DUKE: Yes, I agree.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Okay, thank you. So do you want to start by -- sorry, I just want to note the time, that it's 6:20, and we're starting -- starting now. And you can just kind of open up with what you'd like to speak about today.

MS. LOIS DUKE: So I never had the chance to meet my grandmother. She was murdered on November 18th, 1961, and at that time she left behind her four children, and they were all under the age of seven, with [Florence’s
Son 1] only being 11 months old, not even. He was...

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Yeah, he was -- he was just eleven months.

MS. LOIS DUKE: Eleven months and [a certain number of days] --

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Oh, yeah.

MS. LOIS DUKE: -- old when she died. Because he was born on [birthdate]. And Florence, my grandmother, is my uncle's sister, and she was born in September 1929.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Yeah, she -- (indiscernible) (about that time).

MS. LOIS DUKE: So growing up I never really heard anything about my grandmother. I never really knew about her. A lot of people didn't talk about her.

But over the last few years there was more talk about her because of my mother, Jeannette (ph) Calliou. And I guess I -- I always knew my mom missed her mom. She was always sad. I remember her saying she didn't know how to be a mother to my brothers and sisters and I because she grew up without a mom.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Like, her grandma was her mom. Like we -- we were raised (indiscernible) ('til they were --) and the kids were all -- three kids were raised by her right from an early age.
MS. LOIS DUKE: But because of my grandmother dying three of the kids were somewhat raised together and the oldest, [Florence’s Son 4] --

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: And [Florence’s Daughter].

MS. LOIS DUKE: -- was raised by someone --

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Yeah.

MS. LOIS DUKE: -- else. And --

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: But they got -- they got -- they were adopted right off the bat. You know, she was born -- growing up next -- next (indiscernible) (hour) and how fast, hey, and they got adopted by another -- another family, hey, right away.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Right following her death?

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Hey?

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Right following her death?

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: No -- no.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Before?

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Before. (Indiscernible) (Before like that was) they up as second -- second oldest -- your mom was older?

MS. LOIS DUKE: Yeah, Mom was older.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Yeah. And she was born
and the parents, the -- the adopted parents picked --
picked them up right away, hey.

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Okay. Right after
he was born?

**MR. GEORGE CALLIOU:** Yeah, right after he was
born, yeah.

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** Okay.

**MS. LOIS DUKE:** And then the other three...

**MR. GEORGE CALLIOU:** The three -- my -- my --
my -- my parents raised them. Really, like, my parents
raised them and we grew up -- well, like her mother --
Lois's mother, me and my brother, we used to pull --
pull -- pull her to school with a sleigh.

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** M'hm.

**MR. GEORGE CALLIOU:** And we'd make kind of --
kind of a caboose and make -- make a little *firing*
(indiscernible) (fire in there so) for her to keep her
warm.

**MS. LOIS DUKE:** M'hm.

**MR. GEORGE CALLIOU:** (Indiscernible) (Caboose
and like I said) we were saying -- like I said, we raised
her for what? For as long as, you know, we could remember,
but probably when I was -- a young age too.

**MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON:** So can you tell me
a little bit about your grandmother's children. So
Florence's children, there's your mother, Jeannette, and then you said there was the younger brother, [Florence’s Son 1]?

MS. LOIS DUKE: [Florence’s Son 1].
MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: [Florence’s Son 1].
MS. LOIS DUKE: [Florence’s Son 1].
MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: The youngest one.
MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: [Florence’s Son 1]?
MS. LOIS DUKE: [Florence’s Son 1], yeah. So there was my mom, Jeannette, Anne (ph), and then...
MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: [Florence’s Son 4].
MS. LOIS DUKE: [Florence’s Son 4].
MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Then there's [Florence’s Son 2].
MS. LOIS DUKE: [Florence’s Son 2].
MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: And he was like a son.
MS. LOIS DUKE: And then there was [Florence’s Son 3]...
MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: [Florence’s Son 3].
MS. LOIS DUKE: [Florence’s Son 3], and [Florence’s Son 1].
MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: [Florence’s Son 1] too.
MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: So there was four of them.
MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Four -- four of them,
MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: And [Florence’s Son 4] was adopted out?

MS. LOIS DUKE: M'hm.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Yeah, adopted right off the bat right away.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Okay. So leading up to Florence's death, did Jeannette, [Florence’s Son 1], and [Florence’s Son 3] live with her?

MS. LOIS DUKE: No, she was working in Chetwynd.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: And she working in Chetwynd (indiscernible) (you know at that time you got to remember) he can't remember.

MS. LOIS DUKE: We kind of figured you were around 14 or 15.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: No, I was younger than that.

MS. LOIS DUKE: Oh, you were 15 when you --

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Because I... 

MS. LOIS DUKE: -- when she died.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: No, I was -- because I was 15 when I left home. I was 15 when I left home. But she was -- we were younger when went and seen (indiscernible) (her, me and your mom went and) seen her in
Chetwynd. There was no roads where we lived, so we -- we -- we couldn't go on the bus from (indiscernible) (got on the bus from Beaver Lodge -- went) to Chetwynd on the bus. And that was our only transportation. I know because there was no road (indiscernible) (communication) where we -- where we lived, hey.

But we kind of never really remembered my sister too much -- too much of her because she was gone when -- when I was younger too, hey, when she left and when she went to work. And that's where we went and seen her, once and that's where -- and next thing I remember that's where you know you got -- or whatever happened to her, and that's where she passed away anyway, in Chetwynd.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: What -- what kind of work was she doing there?

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: She was -- she was a waitress in -- in a hotel café -- restaurant.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Okay.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: But she had lived there, hey. She had lived -- lived in a house, in a rented house, I could say.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm. And so your mom and her siblings were living with your -- her grandparents --

MS. LOIS DUKE: M'hm.
MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Yeah.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: -- at the time?

MS. LOIS DUKE: And I guess they were -- they sometimes went to go see her.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Yeah. Like -- like I said, (indiscernible) (we went a few times) and like I said, ([Florence’s Son 3]) probably went and see -- seen (indiscernible) (her through there) we lived before something happened to her, hey. That’s the only thing I can remember being (indiscernible) (me and your mom) got the bus to go to -- to go to Chetwynd, go to see her, hey.

MS. LOIS DUKE: How old was mom, do you think? Like five? Six? Four?

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Yeah -- yeah, your mom must be awfully (indiscernible) (around I think it was) she was around six because she was still a little girl, hey.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: And now were you --

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: As (indiscernible) I -- I can't remember (no more than) 12 anyway.

MS. LOIS DUKE: So 12 and a six-year-old on the bus, all the --

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Yeah.

MS. LOIS DUKE: -- all the way to Chetwynd.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: All the way to Chetwynd.
MS. LOIS DUKE: That won't happen now.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Uh-uh.

MS. LOIS DUKE: That doesn't happen now.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: But you know (indiscernible) (in them days there were) because there's hardly any people on the bus anyway.

MS. LOIS DUKE: So talking with my mom over the last few years, she -- she decided to find -- go to the newspaper and find out if there was anything about her on -- in the news, and she found this article, it said:

"Chetwynd girl killed in auto accident. The Chetwynd Moberly Lake Road has claimed another victim as the traffic accident toll in the district mounting by one over the weekend. Latest accident occurred less than a half mile from the point of the previous fatal accident on the same road less than a month ago. It happened when the driver lost control of his vehicle and it went across the road and struck a culvert. Back across the road and hit the ditch where the windshield was smashed and the door threw (flew) open. The dead girl was
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riding

as a passenger and was thrown out of the vehicle when the door opened. She rolled down an embankment and must have struck her head. She was located lying in the bottom of the ditch. The car went on and back onto the road. Driver then backed up to locate the girl. Dead is Florence Davidson of Chetwynd, who was pronounced dead on arrival at St. Joseph's General Hospital in the city. Coroner, Dr. Amy Watson (ph) has called an Inquest. Driver of the car was Denis Gosselim, an employee on the pipeline project just out of Chetwynd. Accident occurred about 3:00 a.m. Saturday, November 18th on the Moberly Lake Road near the intersection of the Kelly Lake Road. RCMP are investigating."

So the accident would have been -- it was never investigated anywhere.

**MR. GEORGE CALLIOU:** No. Because my dad was -- was a preacher then. He used to come and live in
Chetwynd came down, and told my dad and my dad was going to look into it. And they said not to -- not to worry about it, hey.

MS. LOIS DUKE: Yeah.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: So my dad (indiscernible) (in them days) people don't even think about it, so they let it go.

MS. LOIS DUKE: It was Father Youngblood (ph).

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Father Youngblood, was a preacher. Everybody knows he always stationed in -- in Chetwynd, but he come to do her services up at the lake there. Once a month.

MS. LOIS DUKE: So Father Youngblood from the Catholic Church told Florence's father, my grandma's father, not to do anything.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Has anybody done anything --

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: No.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: -- since then?

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: No, nothing, no.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Has anybody in your family gone and tried to get in contact with RCMP?

MS. LOIS DUKE: I have.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: You have?
MS. LOIS DUKE: Over the years, and my mom and I have. And...

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: And what was the response to you?

MS. LOIS DUKE: They said because it was an accident they would never have kept any files and everything would have been destroyed.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: But you know, to tell you the truth, was it an accident or what happened? Because if there was an accident the way that the said -- the paper said that -- that the truth of the vehicle struck the culvert and then across the road again.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: And then kept on driving. How could that possibly be?

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MS. LOIS DUKE: But you said that there were -- they never found the vehicle.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Well, that's what -- what -- what -- what it was at the -- that was what they were saying, they never found the vehicle, but the shoe was on the middle of the road.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: One of her shoes.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: How long ago was it
that you tried to contact RCMP?

MS. LOIS DUKE: I think mom and I tried to do it maybe eight years ago, nine years ago.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: And it's pretty much you were shut down right there?

MS. LOIS DUKE: Yeah, they were -- they had no information that they could help me with.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Okay.

MS. LOIS DUKE: And I think around that same time mom -- my mom to the library and looked up the archives of this.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MS. LOIS DUKE: News article. I don't know how she knew there was a news article, but she did.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MS. LOIS DUKE: So, and I guess why I'm feeling more emotional about this is because my mom died last year, and now I understand how much she missed her mom because I miss her so much. So now I understand. My mom was so heartbroken over the years(. Wasn’t she?)

(indiscernible) Mom was so sad over losing her mom. I think it -- it changed who she was, it changed how she lived her life.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Like I said --

MS. LOIS DUKE: So --
MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: -- they never knew her mom, like -- like I said to her (indiscernible) like I said, like her grandmother was her mom.

MS. LOIS DUKE: Yeah. Like, even up until she died she always -- she always said how much she missed her mom. We came to Edmonton two years ago and we took part in the Sisters in Spirit, and then the following March we took part of the -- another Sisters in Spirit in Chetwynd. And if mom were here today she'd -- she would be here talking.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: And I think in some ways you've brought her, right? You're here.

MS. LOIS DUKE: I -- I don't know -- I -- I think -- I sometimes think if -- if grandma still was here and raised mom perhaps our family would be healthier. My little brother died of a drug overdose since (in) 2013 and my sister being on the streets and -- who's now in jail. She'll be getting out soon, and I think it's just a matter of time before she kills herself as well.

I just think our life could be so much different. I know I didn't know her. I know I didn't know my grandma, but I think I could have learned a lot from her, and I think I could have...

So over the years I was mad at my mom because she gave me up for adoption and it took me a few years to
forgive her for giving me up. And she's told me she didn't
know how to be a mom, that she tried her hardest, and then
I realized now that she did. So, and I'm grateful for the
years that we were close. I just wish I had longer. And I
guess she probably wished the same thing.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: How old was
Jeannette when Florence passed?

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: What's that?

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: How old was
Jeannette when Florence passed away? She was --

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: (Indiscernible) (Oh -).

MS. LOIS DUKE: She was seven.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: She was seven?

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: (Indiscernible) (About
there.)

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: So that's a pretty
young age to be having to do --

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Oh, that's right,

turning seven -- before I said (indiscernible) (like) my --
my mother -- her grandparents were the parents, hey.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: And we kind of looked,
you know, without ever (indiscernible) (with all of) our
family we kind of looked -- looked after them.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.
MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: We kind of raised them, looked after -- did -- we did everything for them (indiscernible) mom (to help them along).

MS. LOIS DUKE: Yeah, they did the best they could.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: In them days there was no such thing as (indiscernible) (a vehicle) too -- too many vehicles, we had no more vehicles. And we had to -- like, a lot of times we had to walk to school. And in the wintertime that was rough, that was tough going.

MS. LOIS DUKE: Our community's located in Kelly Lake, British Columbia. It's a non-status. We're not a reserve. Our community is left out of the Treaty process. We have no supports. No government supports. No -- no funding for the issues that face a lot of our community. There's a lot of drug addiction. There's a lot of violence. There's a lot of unemployment. There's a lot of -- there's a lot of issues that need to be help.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: You got (indiscernible) (communities) where we never had power (indiscernible) (for so many years - for long.) are made for --

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: (Indiscernible) (And well,) and then all of a sudden there's power -- and you
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1 got power in, and we start kind of building houses there
2 for a bit. And now that came to a halt there too and
3 nobody had -- nobody had phones, hey, nobody had the phones
4 around there.

5 MS. LOIS DUKE: But -- and it wasn't the
6 Province of B.C., or B.C. Services that went in. It was
7 the Alberta Government that came in --

8 MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: (Indiscernible) (Yeah).

9 MS. LOIS DUKE: -- and put --

10 MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: (Indiscernible) (-- and
11 did everything).

12 MS. LOIS DUKE: -- power and --

13 MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: The phone.

14 MS. LOIS DUKE: -- phones and all the phones
15 in B.C., Kelly Lake B.C., are all -- are all Alberta
16 numbers.

17 MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: And we got -- well even
18 the power -- power come from Alberta. But B.C. -- B.C.
19 still (indiscernible) (the) power -- because power --
20 because power came (got to be paid) to B.C., and kind of
21 helped (it’s kind of funny). They had to use the power
22 from Alberta, but B.C. stepped in, they want, they want us
23 to use their powered (to get paid for the power), hey.

24 MS. LOIS DUKE: So now I guess if our
25 community was in a different situation perhaps we --
perhaps we wouldn't have waited this long to be able to
talk about our grandmother. Uncle George's sister.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: (Indiscernible) (Things, you know, would’ve happened) happen. Remember that road
(We never had roads) -- (indiscernible) (any) road -- the
roads the -- they were (indiscernible) (no roads in the
street and my dad) when we were younger we used to use
horse and wagon to go to a store, but the -- the closest
store was 12 miles away from (indiscernible) (the --) it
took all day to go to the store and back home. We'd leave
early in the morning to go to the store, and what roads
were then we'd come to Kelly lake. It look all day -- all
day to do that.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Horse and wagon.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: So what were your
parents' names?

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Pardon?

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Your parents'

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Johnny (ph) --

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: -- Calliou, and -- and
my mom's last name was Campbell (ph), Eva (ph).

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Okay. And did they
go to residential school?

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: I don't think so,

but --

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Okay.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: -- you know, probably not.

MS. LOIS DUKE: There was a -- a -- there was a Catholic-run school in our community when -- when they were growing up. Mom and Dad told me stories that the teachers would hit them with their big ring.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Oh, that the (indiscernible) that was that man, the mean teacher in the (indiscernible) -- the first teacher was there was old -- [Teacher 1], he got that land there.

MS. LOIS DUKE: M'hm.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: He was the first teacher. It was, but I don't remember him. The only teacher that -- that I remember was the one that -- [Teacher 2] if you don't do right you got -- he's got one of those pointers and he'd slap you over the -- over the head or behind your shoulders -- shoulders with that stick, hey.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MS. LOIS DUKE: Dad said he had a big ring.

He would just hit you over top --
MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: (Indiscernible) Yeah, oh yeah.

MS. LOIS DUKE: -- of your head.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: He was a mean teacher.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm. So --

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: (Indiscernible) (In them days, it wasn’t - anybody did anything about them) but then things (indiscernible) they didn’t get bought then, hey. (Indiscernible) (Nothing could be done about it because nobody even know where Kelly Lake exists) because nobody would even wear clothing exist then you're so far out, you know, out-dated. You never thought when that -- that (indiscernible) (killing) so nobody ever did -- did anything because you know (indiscernible) (because what) that Father Youngblood told my dad, (indiscernible) (and nobody did anything but by the time) things got around you know, because they were never -- you know, the police were probably -- even said, it's -- it's a closed case, hey. Because they wouldn’t even know, because call originally and say that for the -- for the -- for Native girl who got killed and says you know, so I, I will (indiscernible) (towards) think about that all the time, that's to them they don’t (indiscernible) (like) the police will not, they just close the case, but because another Indian dead, hey.
MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Were you going to say something else?

MS. LOIS DUKE: Yeah, nothing.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Okay. So can I ask a little bit about the -- the reasoning around -- sorry, it was Johnny and Eva, for taking care of the children while Florence worked in Chetwynd?

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Yeah, (indiscernible) (well) because she was working six, seven months, that -- she you know, decided to -- to come just leave the kids there because --

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Okay.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: -- she was working and we don't -- and -- and could have been -- we just weren't (indiscernible) (that great) in them days.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: And so we just brought them over to be my parents were here always good like that (indiscernible) (raising the kids always).

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Oh.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Brought them and raised them too. But they had a place at least to stay and the school was there too. The schooling was there, but when they were -- when they were younger they had different -- most of them go to Beaver Lodge or Dawson Creek for
schooling to finish their school, hey.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm. And so --

[Florence’s Son 4], who was adopted.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Yeah, he was adopted.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Was he -- was he part of the 60's Scoop, or was that...

MS. LOIS DUKE: No, I don't --

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: No.

MS. LOIS DUKE: -- think so, no.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: No, that was --

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Oh, that was...

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: -- just a different group of people that they never had any kids, and we got, you know, we got one -- one -- one -- one -- one -- one -- one -- one girl.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Okay.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: And they're the same -- should be the same age as my sister.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: (Indiscernible) (Oh what’s this – the) grandmother.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: She'd be the same age --

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Okay.
MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: -- now.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: And did anybody have any contact with [Florence’s Son 4] after, anything...

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Well, he was lives right there in the community.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Oh, he's...

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: He's in the community.

MS. LOIS DUKE: Yeah, community (indiscernible).

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: He was just adopted. Like adopted right -- right away, hey.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Okay. So, but there was family connection with --

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: There was family connection.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: -- with him and his siblings.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Yeah.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Okay. And is there anything that you can think of that would have made Florence especially vulnerable to something like this happening? Like, for example, would...

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Like, you can to find out caused -- what causes what happened to her?

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Yeah.
MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: That's why...

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Like was she involved with some people that maybe were not so safe? Was she...

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Well, they got -- well, like I said, we never knew...

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: You never...

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: All of a sudden we never knew what happened, hey.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: That's why -- and the case is closed, but the policeman just closed the -- they're profiling, hey.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: On us -- on the -- on our...

MS. LOIS DUKE: Mom -- mom thought people knew what happened. That people just never talked.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Yeah. Just don't want to talk about it, you know, they're scared because -- they're scared to talk, nobody know what the police are doing. Everybody was scared of the policeman there (then).

MS. LOIS DUKE: M'hm. You had said where grandma lived wasn't very safe looking? Did you like where she lived?
MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Yeah, the place was all right. Because she had a -- she had a -- like, a one bedroom house.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: And not a big house, her house was about the same as this (indiscernible) (, you know this --) from all the way side to the other side, about the same size of this room.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: A one bedroom, like, you know, and a -- and a kitchen, and a living room.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm. And was she -- do you know like any of the people that she was friends with in Chetwynd?

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Like I said, we never knew because Chetwynd was quite a -- quite a far aways, hey.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: We went on the bus there then when we got -- caught the bus --

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: -- to go see her, but we stayed there over a week.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MS. LOIS DUKE: Was probably about 250
kilometres away, right?

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Yeah.

MS. LOIS DUKE: Maybe even 300.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Got to be, yeah, from Beaver Lodge because I couldn’t -- because I don't even remember how we got there. All I knew we got on the bus and we came back on the bus.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: M'hm.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: How old was she when she passed?

MS. LOIS DUKE: She would have been 32. Even though the newspaper article said she's 28.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Okay.

MS. LOIS DUKE: But if you do the math it's...

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Got the wrong numbers, right.

MS. LOIS DUKE: That whole news article is wrong.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Yeah.

MS. LOIS DUKE: Like, it seems like somebody made up a story and --

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MS. LOIS DUKE: -- went with it. It doesn't seem factual.
MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm. Is that a news article that you have online? A link to, or do you have a...

MS. LOIS DUKE: No, I just have a picture of the --

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Oh, okay.

MS. LOIS DUKE: -- of the article.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Is that something that you'd like to submit to us --

MS. LOIS DUKE: M'hm.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: -- so that we can have as a record?

MS. LOIS DUKE: M'hm.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: I can give you the information for that after.

MS. LOIS DUKE: Yeah.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Okay. Just asking around more things that could have made her vulnerable to maybe being around maybe some of the, some unsafe people. Did -- did she involve herself in any drug or alcohol use?

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Like I said, I don't think there would be no -- no -- there would be -- be alcohol, but drugs, I don't think (indiscernible) (there was no such thing as the drugs then) I think
(indiscernible) drugs.

MS. LOIS DUKE: Oh, yeah.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: There would be (indiscernible) (-- it should be) you know, be -- should be involved, there could be alcohol, but you know, God knows what happened --

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MS. LOIS DUKE: M'hm.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: -- on that -- the day of the accident, they call it.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: (Indiscernible) (Got -- was it -- ) say what happened (then, hey), because nobody ever -- nobody seemed to know or nobody wants to say anything about it.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: And -- and why was -- they found her shoe on the road. Was she trying to struggle from -- from away from somebody or jump off that vehicle, or got pushed out of the vehicle? That's where -- that would be my -- my guess why -- why the vehicle hit the ditch on one side and go across the road and hit the ditch again and -- and just took off.

MS. LOIS DUKE: I think -- I think she was already dead and they dumped her body; is what I think, but
again, I don’t know.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MS. LOIS DUKE: Nobody knows.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Nobody knows. You know just like I said, I didn't know. Even the -- even the police said no, but they were -- they were releasing nothing at all, like in them days -- nobody said too much about the law, nobody knew about the law (indiscernible) (much then, hey?)

MS. LOIS DUKE: And I guess because of being in a remote community, no access to information, or services, like a lawyer.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Yeah.

MS. LOIS DUKE: And being not exactly rich.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Yeah, I think --

MS. LOIS DUKE: Yeah, they were -- the community we're from is very small and very remote. A lot of -- we lived off the land for many -- many years. There was -- everybody hunted. Everyone had a trapline. Everyone lived off the land.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MS. LOIS DUKE: It's only the last 30 years --

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Yeah.

MS. LOIS DUKE: -- things have changed.
MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Yeah. Because our like
I said I left home, like what my sister left home to which
she said -- (indiscernible) (of the early ones was) told
she had to go to work everybody -- everybody, you know,
lot's -- a lot of people stay around. But like my sister,
they're all my -- you know, my other brother got killed up
there too in Chetwynd, but it was a -- an industry
accident, a tree fell on him.

MS. LOIS DUKE: Yeah, I remember that.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: And he was a young age
too.

MS. LOIS DUKE: I was about five years old
when that happened. That was like, 1977.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Yeah.

MS. LOIS DUKE: We lived in that old house in
town.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: And like I said, I
was -- I just turned 15 when I left. I just finished
school, but I did -- I just didn't finish school, but I
just walked away from home when I was 15 and just went to
work.

MS. LOIS DUKE: I guess part of the reason I
-- I -- I'm still here today doing this is because my mom
always said to me, “My mom wasn't nothing. You can't just
forget that she was here.”
MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MS. LOIS DUKE: “She wasn't nothing.”

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MS. LOIS DUKE: So that's why I'm still here speaking her name.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: No, she wasn't -- quite -- quite a bit there that she never finished her -- what she was doing.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: So kind of speaking to that, you know, that Florence was -- was a person and not that news article that was written, can you tell me about some of...

You'll know better, George, some of the strengths that you -- you -- you saw in Florence growing up with her and -- and --

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: (Indiscernible) (No, like I said eh --)

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: -- she was a person.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Like -- no, like she was a -- because all I knew, you know, through the pictures that we had, and people that you know, that she grew up at the lake are older, they're after (indiscernible) (age).

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: But nobody seemed to say
too much, hey.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Nobody seemed to want to
-- to talk about it.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: But like I said, she
must have left home when I was really pretty young myself.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Because I never really
seen her till we -- we went and seen her in Chetwynd.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: When, with her -- you
know (indiscernible) (, you were small,) she was, you know,
small. Just a little girl, and I wasn't that old either.
And that's the kind of reason kind of -- kind of seen her
off and on a few -- a few times after that before she got
killed. But people (indiscernible) (what) even -- even
when she brought [Florence’s Son 1] to our place, I was --
I don't know where I was, but I wasn't at home and then
when I walked in we got -- we got a little surprise and
here was [Florence’s Son 1] laying in the bedroom you know,
just still wrapped up.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: And can I guess she must
have -- must have come and just dropped her off and went
back to Chetwynd.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Like, did she
not --

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: He dropped her off --

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: -- not support --

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Pardon?

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Did she send money
home?

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Well like -- like
probably not, because there was no -- no way to send money
back, hey.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Because there’s no
accesses. Like -- like, if there was people that you know,they couldn't go to that -- that (indiscernible) (closest
store or that) Beaverlodge we got another 40 miles from --
from our
area.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Okay.

MS. LOIS DUKE: There's other people in our
community that remember Florence.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Yeah --

MS. LOIS DUKE: I've had --

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: -- like I said --

MS. LOIS DUKE: -- conversations with some of
the older --

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: (Indiscernible) (And)

well, I guess, like I said you know there's people like (indiscernible) (Leena (ph) too ) and --

MS. LOIS DUKE: Nora (ph).

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Nora, (indiscernible) (yes).

MS. LOIS DUKE: They remember her.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Is there anything you can recall from your conversations with them about what kind of person she was?

MS. LOIS DUKE: Well, Kathleen (ph) said she liked to be independent and she was always off doing something. And I guess moving 300 miles away or (indiscernible) (kilometres away) way back then was a big deal.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MS. LOIS DUKE: It's far -- far to be away from home.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Yeah.

MS. LOIS DUKE: I -- I wonder too, why she left Kelly Lake. I don't know if we'll ever know why.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm. Do you think that there's anything that would have helped her not become another women who's been...
MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Well, like -- like I said, she was -- she was a -- like, she was working, there wasn't work close by there and where people -- you know, she probably that's where she found a job, that's where she stayed.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Because there was no work around the (indiscernible) lake (home) -- or the place we're at, and there was no work close to -- like Beaverlodge and (indiscernible) was close little towns --

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: -- little town.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: And Chetwynd that where she found -- found her first job, I think so that's where she stayed then, and that's where she lived -- on -- on -- on her own up there.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm. So throughout our conversation you've kind of spoke about how your grandmother's death has impacted the way your mother, you know, grew up, and the way that she parented, and I'm just -- I'd like to ask if you would like to share some of that experience when you were growing up with your mom and as -- as a child who was adopted like what -- what was your childhood like?
MS. LOIS DUKE: Well, I grew up with my great aunt, who would have been my grandmother's sister, and it was a good childhood, but I think as you get older and you -- you know you have siblings that are living with your biological parents and you always wonder why -- why you weren't with them.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MS. LOIS DUKE: And you always think that they probably have a better life, and they're probably happier, and they're probably feeling loved, and all that stuff. And I think not growing up with my biological parents caused me to have a lot of feelings of not being worthy, or maybe being abandoned, and I remember thinking about suicide at very young age. I never thought I'd live past 27.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: And what was your relationship like with your mom? Like, did you see her often?

MS. LOIS DUKE: Yeah, we'd see her often. We were always in Kelly Lake. My -- my adopted mom would go and visit her family -- and the family and we were always there, so I always knew I had my brothers and sisters. I just -- guess I always wondered why I wasn't with them.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: And even your mom -- in
them days when you guys were growing up, and people had vehicles and -- Dawson Creek, that's where my sister and
(indiscernible) my sister, [I.] adopted you guys they were living in -- vehicle -- people had vehicles and they'd get around a lot easier.

MS. LOIS DUKE: M'hm, yeah. Mom would have been, what? In her -- mom was 17 when she had me, or 18, 17 when she had [Sibling 1], 18 when she had me, 19 had she had [Sibling 2], and then mid-20s when she had [Sibling 3] and I think early 30s when she had [Sibling 4].

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Oh, so were you the only one who grew up separate from them?

MS. LOIS DUKE: M'hm, yeah.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: And they all grew up with her and --

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Well, my sister -- the reason that --

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Yeah.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: -- she got rid of (her) - - she got her (was) because my sister couldn't have kids and they wanted - [G.] always wanted -- wanted kids, hey, so he -- he adopted -- he wanted (you and --)

MS. LOIS DUKE: Yeah.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: -- (indiscernible).

MS. LOIS DUKE: [T.].
MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: [T.], yeah.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: So [T.]’s kind of like your step-brother?

MS. LOIS DUKE: He would be my adoptive brother.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Adopted --

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Yeah.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: -- brother.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Adopted because they -- because they it -- she couldn't -- they couldn't have kids. They wanted kids so they weren't alone all the time so they adopted -- they adopted -- adopted, you guys.

MS. LOIS DUKE: Well, and that goes back to Mom saying she didn't know how to be a mom.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Yeah.

MS. LOIS DUKE: And she had lots of -- she had three kids under the age of -- oh, and she was only 20 years old, three babies at home, living in a one room shack with no running water or power.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Yeah.

MS. LOIS DUKE: They had no running water, no power.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Yeah, no power, yeah.

MS. LOIS DUKE: They lived in a one room -- all they had was a wood stove, so.
MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: You know, because people have to go -- go out to -- to find work, there was no work around there, hey, they got to go out of the community, you know, go out of the community, go find work. And the closest work was you know, quite -- quite a ways -- quite away out, and you can't come home every day because no -- there was hardly any guys with vehicles. And my friend (indiscernible) (or) because I found myself the first vehicle I ever had I had to go out (indiscernible) well (work for a farmer all summer long,) somebody walked (indiscernible) (picking) rocks and weeds (roots) and (to) get a car.

MS. LOIS DUKE: No, that's good. That's why you're still working when you're -- you're 70. Like, I guess -- I guess this would just be after-effects of having lost a loved one.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MS. LOIS DUKE: And you see all these women now that are gone, they're missing, or they're murdered, and -- and you just know what their children's lives are going to look like because they're going to grow up with some of the stuff that my mom grew up with, and they're going to grow up and their -- their grandchildren are going to be sitting in a chair like this feeling the way I feel.
MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: It sounded like you -- you reconnected, your relationship with your mom.

MS. LOIS DUKE: Yeah. I did.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Well, we always been together, close.

MS. LOIS DUKE: I did. I -- I realized that she did the best she could and -- and that she loved me. She loved me so much she gave me life. So once I understood that it was easy to be her daughter.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: So what would you like to see happen in the future to -- to make change? Like to help people who might fall victim to you know, getting into the wrong situation and you know, becoming another murdered Indigenous person. What would you like to see change to -- to help that? To help somebody like your sister? You -- you talked about concerns for your sister.

MS. LOIS DUKE: Yeah, she's -- she may not make it. I don't know. She may end up dead one day because of being with the wrong people, or she may end up dead because --

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: That's --

MS. LOIS DUKE: -- of drugs.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: -- that's a problem (indiscernible) (nowadays, you know,) of being with the
white people.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Figure (indiscernible) (it's only) like I said, probably another dead Indian anyway. They, probably the police, they won't do anything about it. Not even tell them. 'Til now. You really got to push it -- push her -- push yourself to talk to go talk to them, you know, get somebody else you know, to look into it. Get more active to it.

MS. LOIS DUKE: Well, there needs to be harsher laws --

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Yeah.

MS. LOIS DUKE: -- against violence against vulnerable people.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MS. LOIS DUKE: Like, every time I drive past that Yellowhead Inn, and I think of that woman who was murdered there and how the truck driver that did it got acquitted, and I know now he's -- they're re-opening the case and they're going to do something, but then I think of that woman's uterus sitting in a -- in an evidence box, and I think there needs to be harsher sentences for people that commit crimes against vulnerable people, and those vulnerable people are Indigenous women and girls in Canada because --
MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MS. LOIS DUKE: -- of our systemic racism. I remember being in my teens and coming home from school thinking, “Why am I even alive?” The way -- the way you're -- the people you go to school with treat you because...

MR. GEORGE CALLIOUT: They will tell you -- when I start working (indiscernible) (you gotta) you know, you got -- you know don't pay attention or you got to talk back for yourself, you know, for the way the white -- the white guys were treating Natives at that time. You know, you can't even hardly (indiscernible) (-- well they still do it if you let them do it, hey) nothing to do with it. You just got to stand for your own rights.

And while even if you go to the police and talk to them they won't even hardly believe you. Maybe it was a joke and the first thing they said (indiscernible) (they maybe) was just joking around, and from that joke it could -- could be violence from there, you know.

MS. LOIS DUKE: Yeah. I always have to laugh when I think about how other countries think that Canada is full of nice people, but these nice people get away with hurting their most vulnerable people and they're not even really called on it. They're still nice people.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOUT: Well, even that --
remember that -- and quite a few years ago, I don't know how many years ago, when the two girls from Fort St. John were hitching a ride -- it's like -- it's like that to Fort St. John and they were -- and they were found it (indiscernible) (was,) it was in the fall, a hunter or something, and he figured he smelled something rotten, and figured a rotten moose and he went and checked it and it was them two girls that were missing. Hitchhiking from here to Fort St. John, and the bodies were just laying there and they were side by side, on top -- on top (off, off) of the road. And that was nothing ever became of that neither (indiscernible) (then, eh?)

MS. LOIS DUKE: Yeah, I guess, it's interesting how --

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: (Indiscernible) (Some people get away with things like that, eh?)

MS. LOIS DUKE: -- almost 60 years ago this stuff was happening and it's still happening today.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MS. LOIS DUKE: And I don't understand how that can still be happening.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Not even for that one, there were -- where the policemen, they never did anything. The (indiscernible) go (There’s no use going) to the police, but they said they won't -- you know, like I said,
they always blame it on (indiscernible) (the girl, you know,) because and that's all they got to say. There's another Indian dead anyways, so even now till now there's still -- still going on.

MS. LOIS DUKE: Yeah.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Are police records something that you'd still like to see?

MS. LOIS DUKE: M'hm.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: One thing that I can put as a recommendation for the Commissioners is to see if they can request those police files from -- from Florence's death because while maybe they did get destroyed, but at least the Commissioners, they have the power to subpoena those records.

MS. LOIS DUKE: I'd love to see them.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: And see --

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: M'hm.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: -- if that is actually true or if they were telling you something else.

MS. LOIS DUKE: And even seeing her autopsy because I know there's rumours that there was a lot of damage done to her body, wasn't just thrown out of the vehicle, it was a lot of damage done below the waist.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.
MS. LOIS DUKE: But, again, that's just what I've heard from family members and again, we have no proof of what really happened to her.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: So you want to see if we can get the coroner's report as well. And there is another avenue that you could take into our own hands and trying to find more information as well, and I'll definitely put the recommendations in for the Commissioners to examine that, but it might be worth your while to also connect with the family information liaison unit, they're here. And they're also able to help kind of advocate to try and get you records --

MS. LOIS DUKE: M'hm.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: -- of, you know, your lost loved one, so I can connect you with them when you leave.

MS. LOIS DUKE: And there's this name on that newspaper article, like, was he ever properly -- did people take an accurate statement from him?

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: The person that was driving?

MS. LOIS DUKE: His name is Denis with one "N".

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MS. LOIS DUKE: And Gosselim, G-O-S-S-E-L-I-
MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: G-O-S-S...

MS. LOIS DUKE: E-L-I-M.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: E-L-I-M?

MS. LOIS DUKE: Yeah.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Okay.

MS. LOIS DUKE: So he's the driver of this car where -- where she died, and what happened to him? Where is he?

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MS. LOIS DUKE: He's probably gone by now, but was there any statement taken from him?

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Yeah.

MS. LOIS DUKE: How -- who wrote this newspaper article?

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Is there an author on it?

MS. LOIS DUKE: No. But it was in the Dawson Creek -- well, maybe -- was it -- probably the Dawson Creek paper, if Mom told me.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Dawson Creek?

MS. LOIS DUKE: Yeah, but I can email this to you.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Yeah, if you email that to me I can connect it with your -- your statement.
MS. LOIS DUKE: Okay.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: So is there anything that you would like to see from the National Inquiry to honour Florence in any way?

MS. LOIS DUKE: I would like to see her name somewhere on a memorial. Maybe memorials where these girls were murdered, in the area, so either Chetwynd area, or...

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Or like, even like Prince George -- Prince George to Prince Rupert.

MS. LOIS DUKE: M'hm.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: What -- what do they call that the highway. You got...

MS. LOIS DUKE: Tears of -- Highway of Tears.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Highway of Tears?

MS. LOIS DUKE: Yeah.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: See how many --

MS. LOIS DUKE: M'hm.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: -- how many women got killed on that road? Was there anything done -- ever done either, or...

MS. LOIS DUKE: They're still, they still do work on that road.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: (Indiscernible) (Oh yeah).
MS. LOIS DUKE: But I think women still go missing, right?

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm. We were just up in Smithers in September for the hearings there.

MS. LOIS DUKE: M'hm.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Lots of people testified about women that were lost on the Highway --

MS. LOIS DUKE: M'hm.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: -- of Tears.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Because there's all those -- a lot of reserves through there, hey.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Yeah.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Right. 'Cause it's happening -- the same thing with that tree planter. They never found her body either, hey.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: No.

MS. LOIS DUKE: I'll like to --

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: (Indiscernible).

(Whatever happened to her?)

MS. LOIS DUKE: -- see that the Commissioners inquire about our community of Kelly Lake, and why we're a group of Indigenous people that don't have status. Why are we still sitting in -- in poverty and in a rural condition where --

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: There's no...
MS. LOIS DUKE: -- the water's not even safe
to drink and the...

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: And yeah, the sewer --

sewer --

MS. LOIS DUKE: There's...

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: -- system.

MS. LOIS DUKE: Sewers are all backing up,

and there's no opportunity.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: And for the --

MS. LOIS DUKE: -- opportunity --

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: -- and power, we're

paying quite a bit for the electricity.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: When there's -- you

know, why -- why was that -- I know the cheapest

electricity bill there for a month is under -- under, not

even -- under -- over 300 -- over $300 a month. Just they
don't have nothing. Just --

MS. LOIS DUKE: Yeah.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: -- just for power for

heat -- heating it, heating your -- lighting your

hallway.

MS. LOIS DUKE: This is for light --

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: (Indiscernible).

MS. LOIS DUKE: -- and power.
MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: -- you have light and they don't have nothing.

MS. LOIS DUKE: And it's not even electric heat, it's wood heat.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Yeah.

MS. LOIS DUKE: And they still have a huge power bill.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: (Indiscernible) (Service for their power).

MS. LOIS DUKE: Makes you wonder.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: So much for the power.

MS. LOIS DUKE: And there's no social services there.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: And there's no social worker that work there.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Lois said there's quite a bit of violence in the community?

MS. LOIS DUKE: Well, just from --

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: (Indiscernible).

MS. LOIS DUKE: -- people leaving the community and entering a -- a lifestyle that is not --

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MS. LOIS DUKE: -- healthy.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: It's a good recommendation.
MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: And that's why I kind of left home too, there was nothing there for me. There's no work there. You can't stay that there's no work.

MS. LOIS DUKE: There's another lady that went missing in our community in 2004 she was just never seen again.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Yeah, well, that -- even then the policemen (indiscernible) they said they can't do nothing, nothing they, nothing -- they -- they just kind of look around.

MS. LOIS DUKE: No body.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: And that was nothing -- they didn't even do anything. They just come and check again.

MS. LOIS DUKE: They searched for her --

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: They didn't --

MS. LOIS DUKE: -- they didn't find her.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: -- (indiscernible) (an investigation or) nothing at all.

MS. LOIS DUKE: Yeah, she just went missing one day and --

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Do you know her name?

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: What's that?

MS. LOIS DUKE: Lawrence's (ph) Mom.
MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Eva Mitchell (ph).

MS. LOIS DUKE: Eva Mitchell.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Yeah.

MS. LOIS DUKE: What was -- what was the name she went my though?

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Eva Mitchell.

MS. LOIS DUKE: No.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: But her nickname was Ebony (ph).

MS. LOIS DUKE: Ebony, that's how we --

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Ebony.

MS. LOIS DUKE: -- all know her.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Yeah.

MS. LOIS DUKE: Ebony.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Ebony, but her -- her real name was Eva Mitchell.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Okay.

MS. LOIS DUKE: But she went missing and her cigarettes were on the table and her dog was in the house.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Still -- still in the house.

MS. LOIS DUKE: And they never seen her again.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Never -- never found her
or anything. But they didn't even try and look.

    MS. LOIS DUKE: Yeah.

    MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Put it that way.

    MS. LOIS DUKE: Yeah.

    MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: You know, when -- when the police come from Dawson Creek, that's all they did is just looked around the house, and ask people see -- (indiscernible) (what) was wrong (and when was) the last time they seen her, but how -- how did people know? Because she was living by herself alone at the -- you know it's not -- you know, it's at the end of the road, and she's got her own place there, where she lived and nobody ever bothered -- bothered her (indiscernible) (and all that’s said is) and one day that she was gone and missing. You know, where do you know -- and people (if she) walks in the bush, there was no body (indiscernible) (her little dog usually go with her, eh).

    MS. LOIS DUKE: I guess she just -- when you have your family and loved ones go missing and then you know there's nothing being done, like, I guess it leaves you with a feeling that nobody cares, and it leaves you with a feeling that it's not important. Your loved one's not important.

    MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

    MS. LOIS DUKE: And it gives you that message
that perhaps you're not important. But I'm a different
girl than I was when I was 14, 15, and I'm happy. I -- my
husband and three daughters, and I just know that life
could have been better.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MS. LOIS DUKE: Less heartache for my mom and
me.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: What I can tell
though is I've see a lot of strength and resilience in you.
I'm flattered you've come and you're here for your mom and
your grandmother.

MS. LOIS DUKE: M'hm.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: You care a great
deal about your other siblings who are not in the best
scenarios, but you want better for them too, and --

MS. LOIS DUKE: M'hm.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: -- I really
appreciate you coming here today and sharing your truth
with us about your grandmother and providing what
recommendations that you have for the inquiry so I want to
say chi-migwetch for that.

MS. LOIS DUKE: Thank you, you're welcome.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: For you coming to
support and provide your own input on your sister, right.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: M'hm.
MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Is there anything else that you'd like to share? Anything that I haven't asked?

MS. LOIS DUKE: No.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: No -- no.

MS. LOIS DUKE: No, I think.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Maybe you come up with something during the night, sleep -- sleep on it.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Yeah, and come see me tomorrow.

MS. LOIS DUKE: Okay.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Do you feel that you have been heard though?

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Yeah, that's you know, that's you know, a little better in here that you get a little bit more information out. What do you think?

MS. LOIS DUKE: I think if my mom were here though it would be --

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Then you would have probably more because you --

MS. LOIS DUKE: -- different.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: -- because you have --

MS. LOIS DUKE: You'd have a lot more.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: (Indiscernible) (A little bit more information) hey.
MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Yeah.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Well, how the papers, I don't think, or have her papers, you know, we'd probably end up with lots written down.

MS. LOIS DUKE: Yeah, she would --

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Like I said, for her that was kind of sudden death, but for her too, hey.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Yeah, like (indiscernible) (Had a lot of things going on in her mind) trying to help the community and the community (indiscernible) (seemed to backfire, backfiring on her) and trying to lead a little better life for the community there but they seem to be more (seemed it didn’t work) right.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Is there anybody else that you think would like to share anything about Florence with the -- with the National Inquiry?

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Well, I think -- yeah, I imagine there with be a few, but there's people they're scared to talk you know, and say anything, hey.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MS. LOIS DUKE: Yeah, I think if -- I -- I would like to see the -- these hearings happen in Grand Prairie, Alberta. That's --

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.
MS. LOIS DUKE: -- where a lot of families are located that have missing and murdered loved ones, and I know there would be more people available to talk about our -- my grandmother if -- if we were closer.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Okay.

MS. LOIS DUKE: Because it was -- it's just because I decided -- I seen that you guys were here and I said I'm going to go. And I didn't care whether I should be here or not, or I had approval. I just came. And I don't think a lot of people are in that same situation where they can just -- they have jobs. They have small children. They have --

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MS. LOIS DUKE: -- maybe no transportation, but --

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MS. LOIS DUKE: -- I strongly suggest that the Commissioner come there, because next June we are having the Walking with Our Sisters memorial coming to Grand Prairie, Alberta, and the amount of people that are looking forward that to event to see -- to support the families of these women that have gone murdered or missing.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.

MS. LOIS DUKE: Grand Prairie's a gateway to the north.
MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: So one thing that I can do is I can give you that card with our number on it and anybody that you know that would like to speak to that, or that you want to --

MS. LOIS DUKE: M'hm.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: -- suggest to speak to us, like they have to come to us.

MS. LOIS DUKE: M'hm.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: So I'll give you the information for contact.

MS. LOIS DUKE: Okay.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: And we can take it from there.

MS. LOIS DUKE: Okay. Great.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: But I also add that in as a recommendation.

MS. LOIS DUKE: Okay.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: And speaking about that (indiscernible) (even) for -- having -- getting (indiscernible) (I've been complaining) about what -- you know, about my -- my back -- sore back and I've seen the doctors.

MS. LOIS DUKE: M'hm.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Every time I go see a doctor, say "Help." "There's nothing we can do." Go see a
specialist they said, “Nothing we can do because you're healthy, there's nothing wrong with you.” All of a sudden in March this year, I have to live with this, hey.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M’hm.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: And I come see a -- finally a specialist here and he said right away, “You're dying,” that's all he said. He didn't even talk -- talk anything about -- you know, anything else, and he said he'd give me some pills to take -- two pills a day.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M’hm.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Anyway, that's why we're here, again tomorrow see what the hell is going on with that.

MS. LOIS DUKE: So are you saying Indigenous people are not being met very well --

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Well, (indiscernible)

(well --).

MS. LOIS DUKE: -- in the health industry?

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Well -- well -- even -- well, (indiscernible) (even) to that, hey.

MS. LOIS DUKE: It's true --

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Yeah, it is.

MS. LOIS DUKE: It's true (indiscernible).

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Yeah. And by the way the specialist, he didn't even say nothing. All he did is
walk in the room I thought that, and with he went through
the -- what do you -- what do you call that when they have
pictures?

MS. LOIS DUKE: CAT scan.
MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: CAT scan?
MS. LOIS DUKE: CT scan.
MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.
MS. LOIS DUKE: Yeah.
MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: You see he never -- even
the doctor (indiscernible) (in Beaverlodge) he seen that
CAT scan at 2:13, that what happened at 2:13 I had a
scarred lung.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: M'hm.
MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: And why didn't he do
anything about that? Nobody did anything about it. And,
and this doctor -- the specialist that I seen here he just
look at that CAT scan and he seen the pictures and, "Oh,
yeah, there's nothing we can do about it." He said, "Just
try -- well, you're dying."

MS. LOIS DUKE: M'hm.
MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: So it's my
understanding that you haven't had dinner yet? Or you
have?

MS. LOIS DUKE: No, we did.
MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Okay.
MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: Yes, we did.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Just wanted to make sure.

MS. LOIS DUKE: Thank you.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: If we're... we're done.

MS. LOIS DUKE: Yeah

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: Okay.

MS. LOIS DUKE: We are.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: So I'm just going to conclude our -- our interview at 7:21.

MS. LOIS DUKE: Okay.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: One minute after an hour starting.

MS. LOIS DUKE: M'hm.

MS. CAITLIN HENDRICKSON: And we'll get you set up with the after care.

MS. LOIS DUKE: Okay. thank you.

MR. GEORGE CALLIOU: (Indiscernible) (Just about running out of air through here).

MS. LOIS DUKE: Yeah, Uncle's got to go to his room.

--- Upon adjourning at 7:21 p.m.
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